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Poloff delivered reftel on June 1 to Charalambos Hadjisavvas, who handles the Middle East Portfolio in the Political Affairs Division at the MFA. Hadjisavvas stated that Cyprus's Palestinian assistance policy was in line with that of the U.S. and EU. He also noted that the ROC shares the United States' commitment to the establishment of a temporary international mechanism that will deliver humanitarian financial assistance to the Palestinian people. He agreed that such a measure will serve as a useful tool for helping to improve humanitarian conditions in the short-run. He expressed concern, however, regarding Hamas' continued rejection of the Principles of Peace as established by the Quartet.

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